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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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SUBJECT: JEWISH CEMETERIES

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF A NOVEMBER 22, 1976, LETTER SENT TO AMBASSADOR SHERER IN PRAGUE FROM RABBI SAUL WISCHNITZER, WHO REQUESTS THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING WHETHER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN KOMARNO ARE PLANNING TO ELIMINATE THE LOCAL JEWISH CEMETERY, PRESUMABLY FOR SOME NEW CONSTRUCTION. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM A RABBI UNGAR, WHO HAS HEARD RUMORS CONCERNING THE PLANNED DESTRUCTION OF A JEWISH CEMETERY NEAR NITRA (WHICH IS CLOSE TO KOMARNO; POSSIBLY UNGAR AND WISCHNITZER ARE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME CEMETERY).

2. WHILE THE CZECHOSLOVAK JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS HAVE NOT BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING ON RABBI RUBIN'S CASE (PRAGUE
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3007), WE BELIEVE THE EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO CONTACT DR. ILTIS REGARDING PLANS FOR THE KOMARNO/NITRA CEMETERY SITES, EXPRESSING US CONCERNS OVER RUMORS OF THE CEMETERIES' DESTRUCTION, AND REPORT BACK BY CABLE. IF RABBI WISCHNITZER'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR SHERER HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND ANSWERED REQUEST EMBASSY POUCH A COPY

OF THE REPLY TO EUR/EE.
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